

Big Break Visitor Center Receives 'Friends of Education' Award from Delta Charter of the Association of California School Administrators

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East Bay Regional Park District Director Colin Coffey, Big Break Visitor Center Supervising Naturalist Michael Moran, and Big Break Visitor Center Senior Office Assistant and Acting Naturalist Rachel Pulizzi.

Delta Charter of the Association of California School Administrators has awarded the Big Break Visitor Center their "Friends of Education" award for 2017-2018. The "Friends of Education" award recognizes contributions by local non-school groups and individuals that are making a big impact in their region.

"Big Break Visitor Center provides vital educational services to the East Contra Costa County community," said East Bay Regional Park District Director Colin Coffey. "We are continually stretching and updating our student offerings to meet the needs of the community."

The award is recognition of the value of the District's interpretive and recreational programs, and that it offers something beyond what is typically consider a field trip. Specifically, the award recognizes Big Break Visitor Center's all day long, station by station Science Weeks program that offer school children an immersive experience with nature and science.

"The award is especially significant considering it comes from school administrators who have the ultimate responsibility for educational programming at their schools," said Big Break

Visitor Center Supervising Naturalist Michael Moran. "It shows that the District's interpretive and recreation programs are highly valuable and offer much more than a typical field trip."

"This is a great testament to the unceasing pursuit of excellence and service by Big Break's incredible staff, docents, and volunteers," added Moran.

District staff received the award at the ACSA Region 6 Delta Charter Recognition Dinner on March 15, 2018. The District will also be honored and receive a related award for outstanding leadership at the ACSA Region VI Awards Dinner June 21, 2018, at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton.

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